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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the event related to ship Kwang Myong, which has already been brought to your attention, with the following clarifications and facts:

1. The ship, Kwang Myong, which was contracted to carry 4,000 tons of detergent from Viet Nam under the terms of Security Council resolution 986 (1995), was not a Vietnamese ship, but a ship of another nationality and flag.

2. The ship's crew, some of whose property was the subject in question, was of another nationality, not Vietnamese.

3. The whole proceedings for the export of the above-mentioned 4,000 tons of detergent from Viet Nam were in full compliance with the terms of Security Council resolution 986 (1995), as well as all other related provisions set by the United Nations in effect.

The facts mentioned above are only to clarify the events in those areas inasmuch as they are related to Viet Nam, thus clearing away any ambiguities and incorrectly reported information.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ngo Quang XUAN
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Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations

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